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COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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EXPORT OF COCONUT COCONUT PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether coconut/coconut oil and other coconut products are being exported and imported;

(b) if so, the details of export and import of coconut and coconut oil with value thereof in rupee terms during the past three years;

(c) the impact of import of coconut and coconut products on domestic producers; and

(d) the steps being taken to safeguard the interest of domestic producers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total quantity and value of coconut and coconut oil exported and imported during the last three years is as under:-

EXPORTS (Quantity: in MT, Value: in Rs. Crores)

Year	Coconut (fresh, dried & copra)		Coconut oil(crude/refined oil & fractions)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
1998-99	231	0.76	860	6.50
1999-2000(P)	339	0.84	1535	13.06
Apr.-Oct.,2000(P)	268	1.09	901	7.93

IMPORTS

Year	Coconut, dried		Coconut oil(crude/refined oil & fractions)	
	Quantity(MT)	Value(in Rs.)	Quantity(MT)	Value(Rs.Crores)
1998-99	-	-	1373	4.33
1999-2000(P)	18	3960	3938	13.47
Apr.-Oct.,2000(P)	40	2197568	4627	9.18

(P: Provisional, Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta)

(c) The imports are insignificant when compared to production and are not likely to have an adverse impact on domestic producers.

(d) NAFED is undertaking procurement of copra under the Price Support Scheme(PSS) Operations at the Minimum Suppor Prices(MSP) fixed.Besides the import duty on coconut including dessicated coconut and copra has been increased from 35% to 70% in the Budget for 2001-2002.